

Contact Us

Peninsula Writers is at:

www.peninsulawriters.org

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/94002405281/>

For questions about the retreat, contact:

Email: cerisefuhrman@att.net

inkspot77@comcast.net

For information about graduate credit, contact [Cerise Fuhrman](mailto:cerisefuhrman@att.net)

To view the WK. KELLOGG MANOR, visit:

www.conference.kbs.msu.edu

Why This Writing Conference Is Unique

One of the things that makes this and other Peninsula Writers retreat/conferences special is that we not only talk about writing; we write. Conference participants actually have time to compose and share what they have created in small writing groups every day. It is the reason we have gathered since 1984.

About Us

Peninsula Writers is a non-profit organization supporting writers and writing. A group of teachers, who believed that the best way to teach writing was to be a writer, incorporated PW in 1984. Over the years, Peninsula Writers' role has changed to encompass any writer from any walk of life. Much has changed since 1984, but the commitment to writing, the writing process, and to the encouragement of writing, has not changed. We continue to celebrate writers and writing.



Peninsula Writers
c/o SJBTS
P.O. Box 1
St. Johns, MI 48879

PRE-CONFERENCE DAY OPTION

Check in time will be Weds., Feb. 12 at 3:00 P.M., dinner at 6:00 P.M. There will be an added room/board charge of \$130. **Circle the Weds. option** on the registration form.

RETREAT INFORMATION

DATES: 3:00 P.M., Thursday, **February 13** through 10:30 A.M. Sunday, **February 16** with optional pre-conference day on Wednesday, **February 12**.

PLACE: **MSU W.K. KELLOGG MANOR, HICKORY CORNERS, MI**

PURPOSE: Writers' Conference and Retreat for Writers and Educators

CREDIT: Option of one graduate semester credit from Aquinas College

PW will provide a printer for retreat participants. (Must be in the Manor house to use; there is WiFi at the Manor, but the printer does not connect to their network.)

Amount Due by 12/13/24

___ **\$515 Thurs. arrival**

(**\$40 conference fee + \$475 room/board**)

___ **\$645 Weds. Arrival**

(**\$40 conference fee + \$605 room/board**)

___ **Non-member add \$50 PW Dues**

___ **\$400 optional Aquinas credit (additional fee)**

(ROOMS ARE SINGLE OCCUPANCY ONLY)



PENINSULA WRITERS Winter RETREAT 2025 (IN THE BIG HOUSE)

February 13--16

OPTIONAL pre-conference day
Weds. 2/12

**At the MSU W.K. Kellogg Manor, Hickory
Corners, MI**

Featuring award winning Author
Erin Bartels

And a
PW writing WORKSHOP by **Debbie Aliya**

**W.K. Kellogg Biological Station,
Historical Landmark**

The Kellogg manor is the former estate of the cereal magnate W.K. Kellogg, so it's a great, old house with lots of nooks and crannies to set up a work station. The manor will provide all our meals (vegetarians, gluten-free, you, too. Just let us know before hand), Beverages (not just coffee), and access to all outdoor activities. They will also provide wine and beer for our social gatherings. (Hard liquor must stay in the apartments)

PENINSULA WRITERS RETREAT AT KELLOGG MANOR

Name _____ PW Member? Yes No (\$50 non-refundable membership fee)

Arriving: Wednesday Thursday

Aquinas Credit: Yes (\$400 due at registration) No TUITION FEE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Special Dietary needs- _____ E-mail address: _____

A map, directions, and more details about the retreat will be e-mailed to participants.

Total enclosed: (Includes conference fee) _____ THURSDAY ARRIVAL \$515 room/board/conference fee (single occupancy)

_____ Wednesday arrival \$645 room/board/conference fee (single occupancy) _____ \$50 PW membership (non-members)

_____ \$400 Aquinas credit (additional fee)

Registration, room payment, and all additional fees due by Friday, Dec. 13, 2024. No refunds after Dec. 13th. Space limited.

Send registration to: PW 2025 Winter Conference, c/o SUBTS, P.O. Box 1, St. Johns, MI 48879.

Make checks payable to Peninsula Writers. Send inquiries to: cerisefuhrman@att.net REMINDER: Once you commit to a retreat/conference, you are responsible for paying your housing fee in full, even if you are unable to attend the conference.

Schedule of events (subject to change) **ALL MEALS IN THE MANOR HOUSE**

Thursday, Feb. 13

- 3:00 PM Registration
- 5:00 PM SOCIAL GATHERING Manor Living Room
- 6:00 PM PW welcome dinner
- 7:15 PM Introductions, large group meeting
Living Room
- 8:00 PM Manor closes
- EVENING Personal Writing time.

Friday, February 14

- 7:30 AM Breakfast, Personal writing time.
- NOON Lunch
- 1:00 PM Small group meetings
- 4:00 PM Workshop: Debbie Aliya "Using Tarot to generate Characters, Scenes, and Storylines"
- 5:00 PM SOCIAL GATHERING Manor Living Room
- 6:00 PM Dinner
- 8:00 PM Manor closes
- EVENING Personal Writing time.

Saturday, February 15

- 7:30 AM Breakfast, Personal writing time.
- NOON Lunch
- 1:00 PM Small group meetings
- 2:15 PM Workshop: Erin Bartels
"Creating Great Dialogue"
- How to write natural sounding dialogue*
- 3:30 PM Large group meeting Living Room
- 4:30 PM Read around (1) Living Room
- 6:00 PM Dinner
- 7:00 PM Read around (2) Living Room
- 8:00 PM Manor closes
- EVENING Personal writing time

Sunday, Feb. 16

- Early Personal writing time
- 7:30 AM Breakfast /large group meeting
- 10:30 AM Check out.

Housing Fee Due in Full if You Cancel

Once you commit to a retreat/conference, you are responsible for paying your housing fee in full, even if you are unable to attend the conference.

Once you have reserved your space, if you are unable to attend the conference for any reason, **you are still responsible for paying your full share of the housing expense if you or PW are unable to find someone else to take your place.** When housing is reserved, PW guarantees that rental to the provider; if you cannot attend, that housing cost still has to be covered. It is the policy of Peninsula Writers to collect the funds from the original registrant if a replacement registrant cannot be found. This policy holds true for those receiving scholarship funds for housing. If you have received a scholarship, but are unable to attend the conference, your scholarship will be voided. If a replacement registrant cannot be found, **you will be responsible for the full portion of your housing.**

PW WORKSHOPS

The Winter Conference will be offering a two one-hour workshops designed to improve your writing. Based on your particular interests, attendance at these workshops is optional.

About our Friday speaker



In 1994, Debbie Aliya (aka Shona Moonbeam) founded Aliya Analytical, a Grand Rapids, MI, engineering consulting company. Her engineering work focuses on failure analysis, which remains interesting after 35 years.

About our Saturday Speaker



ERIN BARTELS writes character-driven fiction for curious people.

Erin is the award-winning author of *We Hope for Better Things*, *The Words between Us*, *All That We Carried*, *The Girl Who Could Breathe Under Water*, *Everything Is Just Beginning*, and *The Lady with the Dark Hair*. A two-time Christy finalist and winner of two WFWA Star Awards and two Michigan Notable Book Awards, Erin has been a publishing professional for more than twenty years. After eighteen years in Michigan's capital city, she now lives with her family in a charming small town surrounded by farm fields and pasturelands.